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PROBLEMS OF TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to codify the problems of tiger reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many States have sought more funds and powers to deal with such problems; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) On the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force set up by the National Board for Wildlife to look into the problems of tiger conservation, the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 has been enacted, which has come into force w.e.f. 4.9.2006. Based on the enabling provisions of the said Act, the National Tiger Conservation Authority has been constituted w.e.f. 4.9.2006 to strengthen tiger conservation in the country.

(c) & (d) The protected areas belong to States, which have the required legal powers under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to implement measures for protecting and conserving wildlife. Funds are provided to States based on annual demands received from them and as per availability in the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry.